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DEADLINE APPROACHING TO COMPLETE NURSING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

This letter is to remind facilities that the waiver allowing registered nursing assistants (NARs) to work in nursing homes without completing certification [ended on June 5, 2022](#). Nursing homes must not allow NARs hired on or before that date and who have not obtained certification to continue working after October 5, 2022.

To continue employing an NAR, direct them to the [Credentia Website](#), create a profile, schedule their skills exam, and register to take the on-line computer based written exam as soon as possible. Mass examination sites have been set up to help complete the skills exam in time for the October 5 deadline, but individuals must sign up soon to take advantage of these sites.

The Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Health are requesting a waiver from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to extend this timeline. Please do not wait to hear if this request will be granted. Facilities are strongly encouraged to direct their staff to complete certification as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact nac.exam@doh.wa.gov or Molly McClintock, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (360) 742-6966 or molly.mcclintock@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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